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The Honorable James P. Mitchell
Chairman of the President's Distinguished
Civilian Service Awards Board
Department of Labor
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your letter announcing the procedure for nominating and selecting candidates for the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service interested me very much. The President's action in establishing this award is certainly of great assistance in meeting a definite need in the further development of the Federal career service.

Security considerations have prevented my making nominations in accordance with the instructions attached to your letter. This problem has been discussed with Mr. Allworth, and I am confident that a means will be found to prevent CIA candidates in the future.

Thank you for your letter and for the informative material which accompanied it.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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